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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

Ianne Mae Howards Koritzinsky et al.

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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 14, 2002

Dear Sir:

Claims 59-64 and 66-78 are pending in the present application, claims 59, 69 and 74 being independent. In the Office Action mailed on November 14, 2002, claims 59-64 and 66-78 were rejected. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are requested.

## I. First Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

## **Summary of the Rejections**

The Examiner rejected claims 59, 60, 66, and 68 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wood et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,891,035) in view of Reeder (U.S. Pat. No. 5,852,812). The Examiner rejected claims 61 and 64 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wood et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,891,035) in view of Reeder (U.S.